

# REMARKS

Applicants and the undersigned reviewed the Office Action carefully, before preparing this response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Even so, in light of the positions taken herein, pending claims 1-24 of this application are believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner raised several objections with regard to claim punctuation and format. Several of the amendments presented herein are believed to provide the appropriate correction. Likewise, the Examiner raised several concerns under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Again, the amendments presented herein are believed to alleviate all such concerns.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-5, 8, 15-17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Goyal. In response thereto, reference is made to the accompanying declaration of Mr. Williams. Therein, Mr. Williams states he did not invent the subject matter relied upon in Goyal to reject the aforementioned claims. Accordingly, without conceding anticipation, Goyal is not invention "by another" and should be withdrawn. The executed declaration of Mr. Williams will be provided as a supplement to this response. Likewise, if required, corresponding declarations can be obtained from present applicants Goyal and Kroeger.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter, but in light of the preceding believe all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action, consistent therewith, is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone should any issue remain. Thank you for your help and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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